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TITLE OF INVENTION: CORRECTION TAPE DISPENSER

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### NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

#### PART I.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 5/16/94
- ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- ☒ The allowed claims are 1-7 and 10-23
- ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
- ☒ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received, ☒ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- ☒ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

#### PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☐ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
  - ☐ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - ☐ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

#### Attachments:

- ☒ Examiner's Amendment
- ☐ Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- ☒ Reasons for Allowance
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

- ☐ Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- ☐ Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- ☐ Other

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**Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Douglas on September 12, 1994.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amend claim 1, as follows:

1. (amended) A correction tape dispenser comprising a tape comprising a carrier ribbon with correction composition thereon, supply and take-up spools for the tape, a tip having an edge for pressing the tape against a surface, a portion of the tape between the supply and take-up spools being guided to extend around said edge, wherein the edge is inclined to [the] a feed direction [in which the tape is guided to the tip] which is the direction of travel of the tape leaving the supply spool, and the tip includes guide means on either side of the edge which operate in conjunction with the shape of the tip for [redirecting]

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twisting the tape so that the path of the tape around the edge between the guide means is in a plane substantially perpendicular to said edge and inclined to the feed direction.

Cancel claims ~~8~~ and ~~9~~.  
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Amend claim 9 as follows:

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9. (amended) A correction tape dispenser according to claim [8] 1, wherein the [tape is twisted longitudinally through substantially 90° between the guide element and the tip edge] guide means on at least one side of the tip comprises a guide element, the guide element twists the tape substantially through 90° between the feed direction and the tip edge.

In claim ~~10~~, change "having" to --the arcuate surface has--.

In claim ~~11~~, change "8" to --9--.

In claim ~~12~~, change "7" to --9--.

In claim ~~18~~, change "a substantially closed" to --an--.

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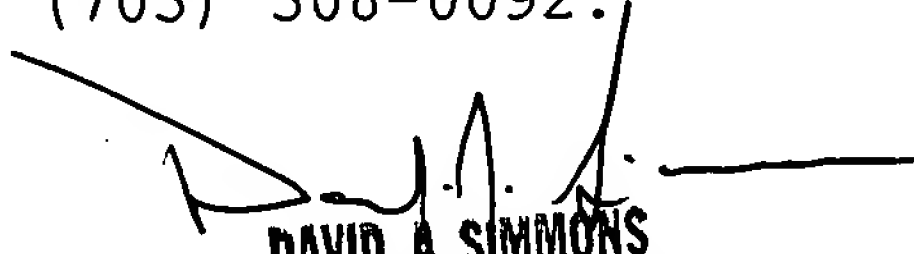
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2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

In a correction tape dispenser comprising a tape having a carrier ribbon with correction composition thereon, supply and take-up spools for the tape, a tip for pressing the tape against a surface, the prior art does not anticipate or render obvious a guide means which operates in conjunction with the shape of the tip for twisting the tape so that the path of the tape around the edge between the guide means is in a plane substantially perpendicular to said edge and inclined to the feed direction.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven J. Helmer whose telephone number is (703) 308-0092.

  
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September 12, 1994